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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASIG, BE  
SUBJECT: POST REPORTING: BELGIUM

REF: A) STATE 109869, B) DE TARR-NEWLIN TELECON

1. AFTER SHABA-INDUCED DELAY (WHICH, ALONG WITH OUR CURRENT SHORT STAFFING WHICH WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SUMMER, PROVIDES AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN OUTLINING IN ADVANCE A REPORTING PROGRAM), WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING LIST OF TOPICS WHICH WILL BE AMONG THOSE WE EXPECT TO BE REPORTING ON DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR (AND, IN NUMEROUS CASES, ON INTO THE FUTURE). WHERE APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLE, OUR REPORTING WILL CONTINUE TO INCLUDE ANALYTICAL COMMENT. IN OUR REPORTING WE ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES PROVIDED IN THE U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN BELGIUM RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT (AND FOR WHICH OUR LATEST CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE IN BRUSSELS 2621).

2. POLITICAL, POLITICAL/MILITARY

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A. ZAIRE MATTERS, INCLUDING SHABA FOLLOW-UP AND MOBUTU PLAN.

B. IMPLICATIONS OF ZAIRE DEVELOPMENTS ON BELGIAN INTERNAL POLITICS (STATE 133741).

C. UN MATTERS, INCLUDING SSOD.

D. EGMONT/STUYVENBERG-IMPLEMENTATION.

E. EUROPEAN ELECTIONS-BELGIAN PARTICIPATION.

F. TINDEMANS II-PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS.

G. DEFENSE POLICY AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

H. NATO POLITICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE FOLLOWING  
NATO SUMMIT.

I. NATO DEFENSE MEASURES, INCLUDING: HAWK-HELIP;  
LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP); AND AWACS.

J. THE STATUS/EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BELGIAN MILITARY.

K. BELGIAN PURCHASES/CO-PRODUCTION OF MAJOR DEFENSE  
ITEMS WHICH WILL NEED CAREFUL MONITORING, INCLUDING\*  
F-16; AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FOR THE BELGIAN  
ARMY.

L. BILATERAL POLITICO-MILITARY ISSUES REQUIRING CAREFUL  
NURSING, INCLUDING: SHAPE/EUCOM WARTIME COLLOCATION  
(DESPITE GOB TURNDOWN, WASHINGTON HAS NOT YET  
INFORMED US OF USG INTENTIONS); JOINT STORAGE SITES;  
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LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS (TWO IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS  
YET TO BE COMPLETED); AND NUCLEAR RECOVERY ISSUE (ACTION  
IS PRESENTLY IN BONN BUT MAY SHIFT TO BRUSSELS).

## 2. LABOR

A. SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

B. UNEMPLOYMENT-ASSESSMENT OF GOB MEASURES.

C. REGIONALIZATION-TRADE UNION RESPONSE.

D. FOREIGN WORKERS-BELGIAN ATTITUDES.

## 3. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL

A. BELGIAN VIEWS ON THE MTN AND OTHER TRADE POLICY  
MATTERS. B. BELGIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD MONETARY  
COOPERATION IN AN EC OR GLOBAL CONTEXT.

C. BELGIAN FISCAL POLICY, PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNS  
RESTRUCTURING OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET.

D. BELGIAN MONETARY POLICY, ESPECIALLY RESPECTING  
EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATION.

E. TREND TOWARD GOB OWNERSHIP OF OR SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE  
SECTOR FIRMS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY.

F. TREND IN BELGIAN TRADE PATTERNS AND COMPETITIVITY.

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G. CLIMATE FOR FOREIGN, PARTICULARLY U.S., INVESTMENT.

H. U.S.-BELGIAN CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS RELATING  
TO CARGO OPERATIONS, FARES AND ROUTES.

I. DEVELOPMENT OF BELGIAN ENERGY POLICY, PLANS AND  
PROJECTS.

J. BELGIAN VIEWS ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY,  
ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF INFCE AND RENEGOTIATION  
OF THE U.S.-EURATOM AGREEMENT.

K. RESTRUCTURING OF SENSITIVE INDUSTRIES SUCH AS STEEL  
AND TEXTILES; ALSO OF SABENA.

L. CONTINUED REPORTING ON EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS IN SPECIFIC SECTORS OF BELGIAN  
MARKET.

4. USDA

A. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY AFFECT THE OUTLOOK

FOR U.S. EXPORTS.

B. BELGIAN VIEWS ON CURRENT AGRICULTURAL TRADE POLICY  
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ISSUES.

5. ICA

A. MONTHLY REPORT ON SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES WITH SPECIAL  
EMPHASIS ON HOW WELL THEY SERVED THE COUNTRY PLAN  
OBJECTIVES AGREED UPON WITH ICA IN WASHINGTON.

B. QUARTERLY LETTER TO ICA'S EUROPEAN AREA DIRECTOR  
FROM PAO DISCUSSING IN A LONGER-RANGE, MORE PHILOSOPHICAL  
CONTEXT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BELGIAN SCENE  
AND HOW THEY COULD BE EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE POLITICAL  
AND SOCIAL CLIMATE FOR ICA ACTIVITIES. DE TARR

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